

**City of Newton**  
**Crime Prevention Commission**

(Alternatively referred to below as CPC or the Commission)

**Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

7:00pm - Newton Police Headquarters, 1321 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

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**Active Commissioners Present:** Frank Wolpe (Chair), Richard Catrambone, Debra Darcy, Bernard Goulding and Mark Epstein

**Commissioners' Consultants Present:** Sami O'Reilly, Barbara Wong, and Abby M. Wolpe

**Guests Present:** NPD Officer Eric Rosenbaum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Frank Wolpe, Chair who welcomed all present, including our guest speaker, NPD Officer Eric Rosenbaum.

**NPD Compstat Report:** NPD Officer Eric Rosenbaum delivered the monthly Comstat Report for the period ended March 16, 2014. Overall, crime was down by 29% for the year to date with burglaries down from 31 to 20, larcenies down from 58 to 39. In two sub-categories, larcenies from a motor vehicle dropped from 41 to 21; and residential burglaries dropped from 45 to 34 year to date.

**Scam Alert:** NPD Officer Eric Rosenbaum led a discussion about what people need to know about crooks that use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow the headlines — and the money. Staying a step ahead with the latest info and practical tips, he described an array of scams currently sweeping the Commonwealth.

**Report on Neighborhood Organized Resource Groups (NORGs) –** Commission Consultant Sami O'Reilly's discussed her idea for helping the

community offer NORGs. (Called NORGs) She will report on her progress monthly.

**Newton Cares, the City of Newton Suicide Prevention Group** – Commissioner Rich Catrambone and the Chair reported on the Commission's efforts to collaborate with this new City Hall group.

Rich reminded everyone about the important Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Newton South High School program (7:00-8:30pm) in support of our teens and their healthy dating relationships. Featured speakers were scheduled to be Malcolm Ashley, father of the late Lauren Ashley, and a panel of representatives from REACH beyond Domestic Violence, Jewish Family and Children's Services, the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and NPD Officer Kim Coney, NSHS School Resource Officer.

Rich Catrambone, who is also NSHS Crisis Counselor, NPD Officer Kim Coney and teen activist Debbie Belt were working hard to make this a successful effort so we all owe them a debt of gratitude. CPC Members were encouraged to spread the word and attend.

**Other Business / Agenda Building / Meeting Adjournment** – There was no new business so the Chair called for Commissioners and Consultants to report on on-going projects, which they did, etc.

On a motion made by the Chair, and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.